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SSHRC PROGRAMME ADJUSTMENTS FOR UPCOMING GRANT COMPETITION

SSHRC has announced the following two changes in its grant programme for the upcoming 1991 competition:

1) As of the October 15, 1991 submission deadline, each committee may devote a maximum of 10% of its total budgetary envelope to Research Time Stipends (RTS) awards. This figure of 10% compares to 20% for the year 1990-91, and 6.7% for 1991-92. SSHRC hopes that this ceiling will leave the various committees with more funds to contribute to direct support for research, while continuing to recognize the necessity of release time.

2) Council has decided that as of the 1992-93 competition (deadline October 15, 1991), private scholars will no longer be eligible for SSHRC grants. However, they may still participate as non-university co-investigators in a university-lead research team supported under SSHRC's Strategic Grants programmes.

SSHRC NEW JOINT INITIATIVE FOR RESEARCH ON SCIENCE CULTURE IN CANADA

SSHRC and Northern Telecom Canada have announced a special joint research initiative to ascertain why young Canadians seem hesitant to choose careers in science and technology, and to find ways to improve basic science literacy for all Canadians. The joint initiative will support pragmatic and multidisciplinary team research on the state of science culture in Canada. Teams will include one or more university faculty members and/or private scholars and at least one local business or learning institution.

A total of $300,000 is available for this competition, and the programme will run for at least three (3) years. The deadline for application to the Office of Research Services is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1991.** Applications will be evaluated by a multidisciplinary selection committee of experts in the field.

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CQRS - FALL '91 COMPETITION

Researchers who plan to apply for a CQRS grant this October are invited to submit directly to CQRS a letter of intent. The purpose of the letter is to help researchers avoid going through the entire application process only to have their proposal be judged inadmissible. The deadline date for submission of a letter of intent is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1991.**

MESS - FONDS DES SERVICES AUX COLLECTIVITES

This fund provides support for University-Community projects. The type of projects supported are those whose primary goal is to make university expertise available to the community, while clearly demonstrating that no other institution could provide a comparable service. The projects should benefit individuals or groups who would not normally have access to university resources. The internal deadlines for submissions to this programme are **OCTOBER 15** and **MARCH 15** each year, and support is given for a maximum of two years. Sample titles of previously successful projects include "Projet d'aide aux banques alimentaires d'urgence: directives d'établissement du budget d'alimentation et amélioration de la nutrition" and "Droit des consommateurs face aux produits des nouvelles biotechnologies".

SECRETARY OF STATE - CANADIAN STUDIES DIRECTORATE

The Canadian Studies Directorate's funding programmes provide financial support for the development of various projects and activities designed to encourage learning about Canada. Projects submitted must address one or more of the following content areas: 1) The Uniqueness of Canadian Society; 2) The Media in Canadian Society; 3) Canadian Comparisons (regional, national or international); and 4) Canada in the World.

There are three categories under which applications may be submitted: 1) Canadian Studies Learning Development; 2) Encouraging Learning about Canada; and 3) Investments in the Future of Canadian Studies. It should be emphasized that the purpose of these grants is to fund learning materials development programmes, whether they be materials for print-learning, film and audio-visual learning or open and distance learning.

The external deadlines for this competition are twice yearly i.e. **APRIL 1** and **NOVEMBER 1.** Further details are outlined in the Canadian Studies Directorate booklet, available from ORS.